

Recycling and Refuse Management Committee
Minutes from 11/5/09 meeting

Present: Meg Vickery, Chair; Sterling Bush; Greg Keochakian; Lucy McMurrer.

Meeting called to order at 4:55pm

October minutes approved with no changes.

Updates: No updates

Styrofoam Ban:

Attorney Joel Bard is unresponsive with respect to Lucy's request for feedback on the Styrofoam ban language. Lucy will continue to follow up on this.

School Composting:

Meg was invited to see the Crocker Farm composting program by Ricci Mastroianni. Meg reported that Ricci expressed concerns about system issues. Meg felt that Ricci was referring to staff not being vigilant with respect to oversight at mealtimes.

Meg described a multi-step approach to recycling and composting at Crocker Farm and suggestion a plan for simplifying the process is in order. Meg's comparison to Marks's Meadow's system illustrated possible outcomes for the Crocker Farm project. Simpler and straight forward approaches could offer more success. Fewer buckets and less separation might be the solution to a precarious recycling system per Meg.

Mike Morris (Crocker Farm principal) is supportive of composting efforts but has not the staff to provide support. Mr. Stedman (Crocker Farm custodian) might be more agreeable if system is simpler.

Meg has emailed Susan Waite for additional thoughts regarding Crocker Farm composting as well as how Martins Farms might be able to help to the project. Ricci's composter may be used less than first expected.

Final RMC Suggestion: This committee encourages recycling waste, limited to compost and trash from lunchroom kitchen and preschool only. Assistance from Triple T and Martin's Farm is also encouraged.

New News: No News

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Keochakian